



A NEWSLETTER FOR THE STUDENTS OF BALTIMORE CITY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

BCCC Welcomes New Granville T. Woods Scholars



Meet the Granville T. Woods VIII Class: Jay Barnes - Carver Vocational Technical High; Crystal Brewington - National Academy Foundation High; Tai Caldwell - Institute of Business and Entrepreneurship High -Walbrook; Lyida Chiosi - Homeschooled; India Dorsey - Northwestern High; Ashley Fedd -Frederick Douglass High; Kiana Harvey - Edmondson-Westside High; Christeanna Jackson - Baltimore City College High; Samuel Levy - Academy for College and Career Exploration High; lesha Mason - Laurence G. Paquin High; Daavon Monroe - St. Frances Academy; Taavon Monroe - St. Frances Academy; Shalia Robinson - Reginald F. Lewis High; Jessica Taylor - Mergenthaler Vocational-Technical High; Ashley Toney - Patterson High; Jessica Tinnin - Frederick Douglass High.

n August 17, 2009, Baltimore City Community College inducted its 8th Granville T. Woods Scholars cohort. Granville T. Woods is BCCC's premier honors program recruiting students Baltimore City public schools, private schools and home school organizations who are top in their class and have strong GPAs and SAT scores. Students receive scholarship monies, laptops, and a chance to study abroad all while taking honors courses at BCCC!

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Welcome from the President

Service Above Self: The Road To Excellence



The 2009-2010 academic year is upon us and let me say we are honored to serve you! Yes, service is an honor and often the most valuable contribution an institution or

individual is called upon to provide. When then President-elect Barack Obama called for a national day of service to mark the federal Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday, he issued the following call to all of us:

"We are not just asking the American people for one day of service, we're asking you to make an ongoing commitment of your time...Because that's how we're going to rebuild this country and meet our great challenges...together. Dr. King himself once remarked that everybody can be great because anybody can serve."

It's no coincidence that in this spirit, we're embarking on the most important year in the history of our institution! I hope you'll join me in rededicating yourself to the kind of service made possible only through placing service to others above service to ourselves. Undoubtedly you're already familiar with this as you commit to bettering the life of your family by taking responsibility for your education.

I'd like to challenge you to prepare yourself now for the journey to excellence that lies ahead. In difficult economic times, "Service Above Self" calls us to be committed and creative for the good of others. This creed will allow us to soar rather than settle!

Sincerely,

Carolane Williams, Ph.D. BCCC President



Author Omar Tyree to visit BCCC



The BCCC Library and the Office of Alumni Affairs are collaborating in bringing Omar Tyree, a New York Times best-selling author, 2001 NAACP Image Award recipient for Outstanding Literature in Fiction, and 2006 Phillis Wheatley Literary Award winner for Body of Work in Urban Fiction, to do a book reading and signing. He has been recognized as one of the most renowned contemporary writers in the literary community. Mr. Tyree is now branching out into the world of feature films, business lectures, and children's books.

Come see
Omar Tyree
October 21, 2009
2 sessions
12 Noon &
7:00 p.m.
Liberty Campus

Revision of Student Code of Conduct and Mediation & Ombudsman Functions

An ad-hoc committee was formed to review the current BCCC "Student Code of Conduct". The team will examine the "Code of Conduct" and evaluate "Best Practices" in the local and regional metro area. The new "Code of Conduct" will impact both credit & non-credit students on campus. As an offshoot of the creation of the ad-hoc committee, staff will be assigned throughout the college, to become trained mediators (Ombudsman) on campus. The professionally trained staff will provide assistance when conflict, disputes, & disruptions occur at RPC, HC, BCED, & LC.

Vice President of Student Affairs Message

Pledging Commitment To Our Students

On behalf of the Student Affairs division, I would like to extend you a warm welcome to the 2009-2010 Academic Year! I am delighted you have made the decision to join or rejoin the Baltimore City Community College (BCCC) family.

Thank you for choosing BCCC as your college of choice; you won't be disappointed. BCCC has played an important role in the community since 1947, providing higher education for students. We are the only community college in the city of Baltimore, the only Statesponsored community college and simply a great place to learn.

The division of Student Affairs is deeply committed to BCCC's educational mission and to helping you achieve your educational goals. There's a lot happening in Student Affairs and it's all good.

Currently, the Division is comprised of the following offices: Admissions, International Student Services, Testing Center, Records and Registration, Veterans Affairs, Financial Aid, Honors and Scholars, TRIO/STAIRS-Student Support Services, Upward Bound, Educational Talent Search, Health and Wellness Services, Student Success Center, Career and Job Placement, Disability Support Services, Student Activities, and Intercollegiate Athletics. Look forward to some exciting changes in our structure soon to include a new First Year Experience and Honors Program and a Judicial Affairs Office.

We will also be looking for new ways to engage you with social networking tools like Twitter, Facebook and MySpace. The Division provides a rich array of co-curricular and extra curricular activities. You owe it to yourself to take advantage of these many opportunities.

In Student Affairs, we believe that every student can succeed and we are committed to getting you there from here. Remember, you have an important role to play. I encourage you to set the highest standards, strive to achieve them, remember your purpose for being here and take full responsibility for your learning.

It is our goal to make your BCCC experience outstanding and rewarding. We pledge to our students the highest level of professionalism and commitment. The Student Affairs Division and many of our colleagues throughout the College take pride in sharing our pledge to students which is located on Page 10.

If there is any way the Student Affairs family can assist you, please contact my office at 410-462-8301 or through electronic mail at StudentAffairs1@Bccc.Edu

Here's to your success and making the connection. Have an amazingly successful semester.

Alicia B. Harvey-Smith



Dr. Alicia B. Harvey-Smith Vice President for Student Affairs

RU Ready 2 Start the New Academic Year?

Welcome Back to BCCC!

Dr. Alicia B. Harvey-Smith, Vice President for Student Affairs, and Daimen Poole, President of the Student Governance Board, cordially invite you to participate in the fall 2009 Convocation. Convocation is an exciting and recommended experience for students as we come to together to celebrate learning and the beginning of the new academic year.

Patrice Harris, from Fox 45 News-Baltimore, will be the Mistress of Ceremonies. It is highly recommended that all students attend Convocation. Refreshments will be served.

According to Merriam-Webster.com, Convocation is a ceremonial assembly of members of a college or university, celebrating the beginning of the new academic year.

Save the Date
September 16, 2009
Noon—2:00 p.m.
Physical Education
Center
We look forward to
seeing you there!

Fall 2009 Convocation

BCCC welcomed at the ${f BioPark}$

Students now starting classes at Baltimore City Community College's brand new Life Sciences Institute at the University of Maryland Baltimore (UMB) BioPark are on a track to qualify for jobs in high-demand bio-medical career fields. Their prospects are bright-with future graduates potentially earning a decent salary in as little as one year.

Researchers, laboratory technicians and assistants in fields such as bioscience and environmental science are the types of high demand careers that students can enter while being trained at the Life Science Institute at the BioPark.



Andre Williams provides student services at BioPark

At the Life Sciences Institute, you will enjoy the advantage of studying on a campus shared by top-notch researchers at the University of Maryland and numerous cutting-edge private research enterprises.

A student services generalist will be available two days a week to provide basic information and services in a variety of student service areas. Students will be able to apply for admission, register, apply for financial aid, and take care of practically all business. However, bill pay will be available only at the Liberty and Harbor campuses unless the student chooses to pay online with a credit card.

If you need more information about the BCCC Life Sciences Institute, contact Dr. Kathleen Kennedy Norris at 410-462-7650 or e-mail her at knorrsi@bccc.edu.

Maryland Center for Construction Technologies (MCCT)

Construction in the Baltimore area has been booming over the past few years with \$1.36 billion under construction and \$2.48 billion in the construction planning stages. In Maryland, up to 11,155 new jobs in construction will be created for skill levels ranging from high school to those with advanced college degrees. The growth of the construction industry and the demand for new workers is taking place in a region where the city unemployment rate is 57% higher than the statewide rate.

BCCC partners with MCCT to provide training in the construction trades

Baltimore City Community College and its workforce and industry partners will provide hands-on instruction in the construction trades, delivered by industry experts. The Maryland Center for Construction Technologies (MCCT) supports lifelong learning for the construction industry. Programs at MCCT support skills and professional development during all stages of your career!

The Maryland Center for Construction Technologies is located in East Baltimore at 901 N. Milton Ave.

For more information on MCCT contact:

Professor Solomon Fakinlede 410-986-3243

(Credit Degree and Certificates)

Deborah Peoples 410-986-3211

(Non-Credit and Apprenticeship)

Workforce Creation Scholarships

Baltimore City Community College, responding to the Governor's "Call to Action" to address workforce needs in high-demand career fields, has launched a major new initiative to make affordable, quality education more accessible than ever through 80 Workforce Creation Scholarships annually – including tuition, fees and books – to high school graduates, non-traditional students, veterans, single parents and ex-offenders.

Recipients must commit to actively take part in exciting wrap-around services designed to support their success!

A student must:

- Enroll in an approved degree, certificate or critical workforce shortage program at BCCC.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Be a Baltimore City resident.
- Demonstrate financial need.
- Enroll either full-time (12-15 credits) or part-time (6-11 credits).

Career Development + CSC = Jobs for You

The Career Development & Job Placement Center at BCCC is looking to welcome CSC, a contractor for the U.S. Census. CSC has partnered with the BCCC Career Development & Job Placement Center to hire 2,500 to 3,000 reliable, quality, temporary workers from the Greater Baltimore area.

CSC is a global leader in providing technology-enabled business services, employing 91,000 globally and grossing \$17.3 billion in revenues last year. In May 2008, CSC ranked #3 among Fortune 500's America's Information Technology Services Companies.

The company will capture 2010 U.S. Census data for the Baltimore area and around the country. As part of this effort, CSC is looking to hire Managers, Supervisors/leads, Administrators, Mail Sorters, Data Entry Operators, Scanning Operators, Warehouse Workers and more.

On September 22, 2009, CSC will hold an Open House at their 8411 Kelso Drive location in Essex, Md.

Interested applicants will be able to speak with recruiters and complete online employment applications.

Visit the Career Development & Job Placement Center located in the Main Building, Room 110.







Did you know the Call Center is available to answer student questions six days a week? Regardless of complexity – a Call Center representative

can answer any College-related question. Up-to-date information on school closings and delays, important deadlines such as graduation or withdrawals can all be handled with one phone call. The Call Center can also show you, step-by-step, how to use the Student Portal so you can register, add or drop courses, view your bill or schedule – all from your PC!

Call Center representatives are available Monday-Friday, 8 a.m.-8 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Call Center 410-462-8300

Providing Tutoring Services at BCCC

The Center for Academic Achievement (CAA) under the direction of Mrs. Juanita Wingo provides tutoring assistance to individuals and small groups outside the traditional classroom setting. The CAA is your center for tutorial services in English, Math, Reading and Study Skills enrichment. The CAA is located in the Main Building, Room 104 and is open Monday-Friday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Mrs. Sharon Hennigan is the Program Manager and can be contacted at 410-462-8332.

Biology, Chemistry or Physics

Science Resource Learning & Tutorial Center (SRLTC) Life Science Building, Room 302 Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. Contact: Mr. Jimmy Manzano 410-462-7689

Math

Math Learning & Tutorial Center (MLTC) Life Science Building, Room 250 Monday to Friday, 8:30 - 8:00 pm Saturdays from 9:00 - 12:00 pm. Contact: Mr. Jorge Pina 410-462-7641

Accounting, BCA and CADD

Business and Accounting Tutorial Lab (BATL) Liberty, Main 320 and Harbor, Bard 428. Monday to Friday, 9:00 am - 7:00 pm. Contact: Mr. Jeff Hillard 410-986-5541

Study Groups

New Learning Enrichment Resource & Study Room Main 117-H. Contact: Mrs. Wingo 410-462-7759

BCCC Panthers Men's Basketball Signs First Recruit



Wyatt Smith

The Baltimore City Community College men's basketball program has achieved what could become a competitive milestone in its Division II posture.

Fourth-year head coach Terry Maczko announced the signing of the program's first recruit since closing out the regular season. Aegis' All-Harford County and 2009 McDonald's All American candidate shooting guard/small forward Wyatt Smith from The John Carroll School, committed to play for the Panthers for the 2009-2010 basketball season.

Listed as one of the top prospects

in the Maryland area, Wyatt is the 54th rated player in the mid-Atlantic region by Capitol Hoops.com. At 6'5" and 225 lbs., Wyatt is a long and athletic wing who can get to the hole and finish. He also possesses a deep perimeter shot. The Panthers hope to look to Wyatt for scoring and rebounding opportunities.

"We are extremely excited to begin this new era and get a young man like Wyatt to play for our program," said Coach Maczko.

Student Spotlight: Veda Moore - A New Vision and Purpose

Living with HIV and sober from drugs and alcohol for over nine years, Veda Moore has proved she is a survivor. At the age of 50. Veda enrolled at Baltimore City Community College in the spring of 2005 to fulfill a dream deferred. For so long the vision of pursuing a college degree seemed out of reach due to her issues of low self-esteem and self - worth that caused her life to spiral out of control for many years. With a new focus and purpose she attended BCCC orientation and found the faculty, staff and students to be patient, kind and encouraging. Taking full advantage of campus resources, Veda enrolled in the TRIO/SSS-STAIRS Program and Disability Support Service Center where she found genuine support from the staff and an array of services to help her succeed personally and academically.

"TRIO/SSS-STAIRS & Disability Support Services helped me to understand if I change the way I look at things, the things I look at will change."

Ms. Moore has a 3.6 G.P.A and has received numerous awards and

honors such as the BCCC 2009 President's Cup & Distinguished Scholar awards, membership into the Delta Alpha Pi Honors Society and the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society.

In an effort to give back to the community, Veda volunteers at Johns Hopkins Hospital's First Step Program. She attends morning rounds and assists counselors in community group sessions. She is also a member of the Patients Advisory Board at Johns Hopkins Hospital. In 2004 Ms. Moore graduated from the hospital's Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy, and Participation Program (LEAP VIII).

Ms. Moore graduated with honors in May 2009 with an associate degree in Addiction Counseling. After graduation Veda plans to seek a position working with patients newly diagnosed with HIV/AIDS, to "help them realize there is life after diagnosis."

Student Focus Group







Disability Support Service Center = Success

The Disability Support Services Center (DSSC) holds as it goal the success and enrichment of every student with a disability at BCCC. Qualified students with documented disabilities are readily provided with reasonable accommodations at BCCC. Accommodations are viewed as a means of helping students with disabilities to meet essential standards, not get around them.

Services We Offer - The DSSC serves students with learning, hearing, visual, mobility, medical, and psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, a DSSC staff member can help you develop an individualized plan to make the most of your college career.

To register with the DSSC follow the steps listed below:

- **1.** Visit the DSSC and obtain the Disability Verification Form.
- Have the Disability Verification Form completed by a qualified professional.
- Submit the completed DVF to DSSC.

Once you complete these steps the DSSC counselor reviews the DVF and supporting documents to certify eligibility for services, and will meet with you for an intake interview and discuss reasonable accommodations.



Accessing your BCCC computer login

Your BCCC login can be used to permit you onto workstations assigned for students use at the College. Your login account will also allow you to access your personal (Web-based) BCCC email account.

Once logged into a BCCC student workstation your account will allow you to access all applications and files associated with the lab or classroom you are using and allow you access to the Internet from any student workstation.

Before using any BCCC account ALL students should be aware of the "BCCC Student Computer Use & Internet Access Policy."

Have you got the Hook-Up?

Once you have registered and been accepted as a BCCC student, your student login account will be created and ready for use 24 hours after you have successfully registered.

You may visit the BCCC Library or Open Computer Lab (Main Bldg. Room 53A) to obtain your username and password.

Logging onto a Workstation

When logging onto a BCCC Student workstation your logon domain is Andromeda.

Accessing E-mail

You may access your BCCC e-mail on the Internet from the BCCC home page (http:www.bccc.edu) from any computer connected to the Internet (i.e. on campus, work or at home). After you have clicked BCCC Student E-mail you will be taken to a secure website where you will be asked to enter your username and password. When logging into the BCCC Web-based student email system you must specify your logon domain which is "Andromeda." It must be entered with a trailing backslash, and your password, in the box designated.

Civility Matters @BCCC

Civility is an institutional imperative at Baltimore City Community College. We are committed to ensuring a safe, pleasant workplace and learning environment for students, faculty, staff and visitors.

Civility at Baltimore City Community College is defined as behavior that demonstrates respect for the rights, needs, and feelings of others. Furthermore, civility is acting in a courteous and polite manner to other people through behavior, attitude and words.

All members of the BCCC community should strive to create a positive learning environment centered on behavior that is characterized by the standards of conduct that we all value.

Tolerance and respect for others is expected of all members of the College community.

Concerns about the civil behavior of BCCC faculty, staff and students should be reported to:

BCCC Compliance Hotline

1.800.849.9281 or via the **website http://www.mycompliancereport.com** the access ID is "BCL".

Fall 2009 Student Calendar of Events and Activities

September

September 14th Constitution Day

September 16th Convocation

September 18th Pledge Day

September 23rd Passport Leadership Series Session I

September 30th Student Issues Forum with College President and Executive Team



October

October 7th

Student Governance Board & Vice President of Student Affairs Discussion and Planning Meeting 12:30 PM (SGB & VPSA) Meeting

Clubs and Organizations Day

October 8th
Poetry in Motion

October 14th

Faculty/Student Exchange

October 21st
Passport Leadership Series
Session II

October 23rd
Friday Concert Series

October 28th Student Issues Forum with College President and Executive Team



November

November 4th

Student Governance Board & Vice President of Student Affairs Discussion and Planning Meeting 12:30 PM (SGB & VPSA) Meeting

November 5th Poetry in Motion

November 11th BCCC Math Bee

November 18th
Passport Leadership Series

November 20th Friday Concert Series

December

Session III

December 2nd

Student Governance Board & Vice President of Student Affairs Discussion and Planning Meeting 12:30 PM (SGB & VPSA) Meeting

December 3rd

International Holiday Celebration

December 9th

Holiday Expo/Dinner with Santa

Fall 2009 **Transfer Day!**

Plan to meet representatives from many colleges and universities from Maryland, Pennsylvania, the District of Columbia and more!

Howard University Morgan Coppin Bowie Frostburg Columbia Union Johns Hopkins McDaniel Towson University of Baltimore University of Maryland And Many More!

Find out about:

- Transfer requirements
- Scholarship information
- Majors

October 22, 2009 10 am-1pm & 5-7pm Mini Conference Center

Sign up for information updates in MNB 20!

Sponsored by the Student Success Center



Be on the lookout for Tai chi on the Grass

Thursdays Noon –1p.m.

To Stop the spread of the FLU Virus

Wash your Hands

Clean your hands after coughing or sneezing and use a hand sanitizer

Cover your Cough

Cover your mouth & nose with a tissue when you sneeze and cough or Cough into your upper sleeve

Put your used tissues in the waste basket

Check out BCCC's
Pandemic Readiness Plan

on the website

Important Dates to Remember FALL 2009

	Regular Fall	Accelerated I	Week 12	Accelerated I I
Classes Begin	8/24	8/24	9/14	10/22
Mid-Term Exams Early Alerts	9/21-10/16	9/8-9/18	10/5-10/23	11/5-11/20
Last Day to file for Graduation	9/25	9/25	9/25	9/25
Add/Drop period	8/24-8/29	8/24-25	9/14-15	10/22-23
Last Day to Withdraw	11/14	10/3	11/21	11/21
Last Day of Classes	12/13	10/12	12/13	12/13
Final Exams	12/14-22	Last Class Mtg.	12/14-22	12/14-22
Last Day of Fall Semester	12/22	10/12	12/22	12/22
Final Grades Due	12/22 Noon	10/12 Noon	12/22 Noon	12/22 Noon

Holidays/Closings

Labor Day Weekend - September 5-7 Thanksgiving Holiday - November 26-29 Winter Recess-December 24, 2009 - January 1, 2010

Spring 2010 Dates

General Registration for spring 2010 semester-January 4, 2010

Inclement Weather Policy

Closing and delay information will be made available to the media no later than 5 am (EST) for weather events affecting day operations and as soon as possible for weather events that arise during the course of daily operations. The following media will be notified:

WMAR TV 2 WBFF TV 45 WSMJ 104.3 FM WBJC 91.5 WBAL TV 11 WJLA TV 7 WBAL 1090 AM WJZ TV 13 WTOP 1500 AM WTOP 107.7 FM

www.baltimoresun.com, www.wbal.com, www.wtopnews.com. Messages will also be posted on the College website at www.bccc,edu and the information line: 410-462-8300. Announcements for evening classes start as soon as possible or by 3 pm.



PLEDGE TO STUDENTS

... the most important person on the campus.

Without students there would be no need for the institution.

... not a cold enrollment statistic but a flesh and blood human being with feelings and emotions like our own.

... not someone to be tolerated so that we can do our thing. They are our thing.

... not an interruption of our work, but the purpose of it. We are not doing them a favor by serving them. They are doing us a favor by giving us the opportunity to do so.

Let us know how we are doing. We welcome your feedback.

Email:

StudentAffairs1@bccc.edu Or call 410-462-8301

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You Can Take the Pledge Too!

Simply e-mail:

StudentAffairs1@BCCC.edu With your name and words,

"I am taking the pledge"

Remember Pledge Day & September 18, 2009 & 2 p.m. & Student Services Lobby

Marlene Downs

WILL

TAKE THE PLEDGE?

Taking the "Student Pledge" is a way that each individual signals to himself and others within the community, that they are serious about the learning experience. At BCCC, we want every student to reach their full potential. The pursuit of education is always a collaborative process entered into by the student, faculty, staff and others who are committed to their success. So, congratulations on taking the pledge and have a GREAT academic year.

SIIII) ENIGE

I Am A Student,

Capable And Committed To My Learning.
I Believe That Setting Realistic Goals
And

Developing Plans To Achieve Them
Is Critical To My Success!
I Understand The Need
To Partner With My Instructors
And

Others Interested In My Development.

I Know That My Actions Positive Or Negative
Have A Direct Impact On Others
And

That My Very Presence Helps To Shape The Learning Environment. I Am A Student.

I Am Responsible For My Learning.
I Pledge To Work Together
With

The Faculty And Staff
At Baltimore City Community College
To Reach For The Stars
As
I Create My Future!

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